

# 2012 LEON COUNTY ELECTION INFORMATION SHEET

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY

January 31

PRIMARY

AUGUST 14

GENERAL

NOVEMBER 6

ALL OFFICES on this sheet, if contested, will be on a 2012 Ballot in LEON COUNTY.

**Candidates for offices listed below qualify and file campaign reports with  
the Supervisor of Elections, Leon County, 315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 110  
Tallahassee, FL 32301 (850) 606-8683**

**Leon County Constitutional Offices:** 4-year terms; partisan, except for the Supervisor of Elections, which is non-partisan; qualifying fee for Sheriff = \$8,218.44; non-partisan = \$5,478.96 annual salary \$136,974; qualifying fee for Supervisor of Elections = \$4,397.76; annual salary \$109,944; all others qualifying fee = \$7,702.68; non-partisan = \$5135.12 annual salary \$128,378. Candidate must reside within district at time of qualifying. Petition submission deadline is May 7, 2012 before noon. Takes office 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January (\*The Superintendent of Schools takes office 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday after general election).

<u>SEAT</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	<u>QUALIFYING DATES</u>	<u># OF PETITIONS</u>	
			<u>Required</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Clerk of Court	Bob Inzer	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	1,684	1,937
Property Appraiser	Bert Hartsfield	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	1,684	1,937
Sheriff	Larry Campbell	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	1,684	1,937
Superintendent of Schools	Jackie Pons	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	1,684	1,937
Supervisor of Elections	Ion Sancho	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	1,684	1,937
Tax Collector	Doris Maloy	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	1,684	1,937

**County Commissioner:** 4-year terms; non-partisan; qualifying fee = \$2886.88 (4% of annual salary); annual salary of \$72,172, elected within single member districts while "At Large" seats are countywide. Candidate must reside within district at time of qualifying. If only two candidates run for a seat, they will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot. Petition submission deadline is May 7, 2012 before noon. Takes office 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday after general election.

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			<u>Required</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
District 2	Jane Sauls	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	264	304
District 4	Bryan Desloge	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	401	461
At Large (Group 1)	Akin Akinyemi	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	1,684	1,937

**School Board Member:** 4-year terms; non-partisan; qualifying fee = (4% of salary) \$1,415.80; annual salary of \$35,395, elected within single member districts. Candidate must reside within district at time of qualifying. Petition submission deadline is May 7, 2012 before noon. Takes office 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday after general election.

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			<u>Required</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
District 2	Dee Crumpler	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	386	444
District 4	Dee Dee Rasmussen	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	375	431

**City Commissioner & Mayor:** 4-year terms; non-partisan; qualifying fee = (1% of annual salary) \$360.86 for Commissioners and \$721.72 for Mayor; annual salary of \$36,086.00 for Commissioners and \$72,172 for Mayor; elected citywide. Candidate must reside in city at time of qualifying. Petition submission deadline is May 7, 2012 before noon. Takes office no later than the 17<sup>th</sup> day after general election.

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			<u>Required</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Seat 1	Mark Mustian	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	1,029	1,183
Seat 2	Andrew Gillum	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	1,029	1,183

**Leon County Judges:** 6-year terms; non-partisan; qualifying fee = (4% of annual salary) \$5,371.20 annual salary of \$134,280; elected countywide. Candidate must reside in city at time of qualifying. Petition submission deadline is March 19, 2012 before noon. Takes office 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January.

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			<u>Required</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Seat 1	Robert R. Wheeler	Noon, 4/16 - Noon, 4/20/12	1,684	1,937
Seat 2	Judith W. Hawkins	Noon, 4/16 – Noon, 4/20/12	1,684	1,937
Seat 3	Ronald W. Flury	Noon, 4/16 – Noon, 4/20/12	1,684	1,937
Seat 4	Augustus D. Aikens, Jr.	Noon, 4/16 – Noon, 4/20/12	1,684	1,937

**Leon River Soil & Water Conservation (ORS&WC) District Supervisor:** 4-year terms; non-partisan; elected countywide; appear only on Nov. 6 ballot. Need not open a campaign account if qualifying fee/petition verification is only expenditure and no contributions are accepted; qualifying fee = \$25.00. There is no salary for this office. Candidate must reside within district at time of qualifying. Petition submission deadline is May 7, 2012 before noon. Takes office 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday after 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January.

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			<u>Required</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
District 1	Brain Acosta	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	25	29
District 3	Tabitha Frazier	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	25	29
District 5	Blas G. Gomez	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	25	29

**Capital Region Community Development District Supervisor:** 4-year terms; non-partisan; elected from within Capital Region CDD residents; appear only on Nov. 6 ballot. Need not open a campaign account if qualifying fee/petition verification is only expenditure and no contributions are accepted; qualifying fee = \$25.00. Annual salary = \$2,400. Candidate must reside within district at time of qualifying. Petition submission deadline is May 7, 2012 before noon. Takes office 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday after general election.

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			<u>Required</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Seat 2	Barry G. Brooks	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	25	29
Seat 4	Wayne Toothman	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	25	29

**Piney-Z Community Development District Supervisor:** 4-year terms; non-partisan; elected from within Piney-Z CDD residents; appear only on Nov. 6 ballot. Need not open a campaign account if qualifying fee/petition verification is only expenditure and no

contributions are accepted; qualifying fee = \$25.00. Annual salary = \$1,200. Candidate must reside within district at time of qualifying. Petition submission deadline is May 7, 2012 before noon. Takes office 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday after general election.

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			<u>Required</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Seat 2	Richard Kessler	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	25	29
Seat 4	Beth Ann Matuga	Noon, 6/4 – Noon, 6/8/12	25	29

CANDIDATE CALENDAR OF REPORTING DATES – 2011 REPORTING DATES

REPORT	DUE DATE	PERIOD COVERED
2011 Q1	4/11/11	1/1/11 – 3/31/11
2011 Q2	7/11/11	4/1/11 - 6/30/11
2011 Q3	10/11/11	7/1/11 - 9/30/11
2011 Q4	1/10/12	10/1/11 – 12/31/11

BASIC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

**FILING is the first step in becoming a candidate. (106.021 F.S.).** You must be a registered voter in Leon County to run for local public office. Filing allows you to solicit contributions and make expenditures for your campaign and can occur at any time. You must complete an Appointment of Treasurer form and file with the Elections Office **prior to opening your campaign depository**. The Appointment of Treasurer form states:

1. The office you are running for (including seat #).
2. Your political party affiliation (except candidates for City Commission, County Commission, Judges, School Board, Supervisor of Elections, CDDs and Water district).
3. What bank your campaign account will be in.
4. Who your treasurer is (can be yourself).

**AFTER FILING, your campaign must submit treasurer's reports.** Reports must be filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar quarter from the time the campaign treasurer is appointed. Following the last day of qualifying, reports must be filed on the 32nd, 18th and 4th days immediately preceding the primary election and on the 46th, 32nd, 18th and 4th days immediately preceding the general election. Candidates must file a termination report within 90 days after the date the candidate becomes unopposed, eliminated, withdrawn or elected to office **(106.06(b)(c), F.S.)**.

Additionally, a candidate has 10 days from the date he or she files the appointment of treasurer to execute a DS-DE 84 "Statement of Candidate" **(106.023 F.S.)**. Judicial Candidates must also turn in a DS-DE 83, "Statement of Candidate for Judicial Office".

**PETITIONING is the alternative method to payment of the qualifying fee. (99.095, 99.0955, 99.096, 99.09651 & 99.097 F.S.)**

Petitions:

1. Must be properly completed and signed by at least 1% of voters eligible to sign petition (only single member district restrictions apply)
2. Must be submitted for verification before noon of the 28<sup>th</sup> day preceding the first day of qualifying. For the 2012 fall elections, the petitions must be submitted as follows:
  - ← **For judicial candidates: March 19, 2012 before noon**
  - ← **For all other local candidates: May 7, 2012 before noon**
3. There is a fee of 10 cents per petition for verifying signatures, which must be paid upon submission of petitions, or the candidate may file an undue burden oath to waive the cost of verification. If the candidate is unable to collect the required number of signatures, he or she may still pay the qualifying fee.

**QUALIFYING is the final step that allows a candidate to be on the ballot and occurs at the Supervisor of Elections Office as follows:**

- ← **For judicial candidates: NOON, 4/16 – NOON, 4/20/12**
- ← **For all other local candidates: NOON, 6/4 – NOON, 6/8/12**

The candidate must fill out:

1. Financial Disclosure Form 6 (Form 1 for City Commission, CDDs and ORS&WC)
2. Loyalty Oath, Oath of Candidate and Statement of Party (DS-DE 24 for Candidates with Party Affiliation, DS-DE 24A for Write-In Candidates, DS-DE 24B for Candidates with No Party Affiliation, DS-DE 25 for Non-Partisan Candidates or DS-DE 26 or 26A for Judicial Candidates and Judicial Write-In Candidates).
3. Pay the qualifying fee (6% of annual salary for partisan/4% of annual salary for non-partisan Constitutional or County Commission; 1% for City Commission, \$25.00 for ORS&WC or CDDs candidates) or have petitions certified.

Candidates who do not complete the qualifying process as indicated above prior to the Primary election will not be on the ballot!

Candidates for offices listed below file candidacy and qualifying papers, as well as campaign treasurer reports, with the Florida Division of Elections, Room 316, R. A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250, (850) 245-6200.

Federal Offices

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
President	Barack Obama (DEM)
Vice President	Joe Biden (DEM)
<u>(4-year term for Senate, 2-year term for House of Representatives)</u>	
<u>U.S. Congress</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
House of Representatives, District 2	Steve Southerland (REP)
House of Representatives, District 4	Ander Crenshaw (REP)
Senate	Bill Nelson (DEM)

State & District Offices

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
State Attorney	Willie N. Meggs (DEM)
Public Defender	Nancy Daniels (DEM)

Florida Legislature (4-year term for Senate, 2-year term for House of Representatives) OFFICE INCUMBENT

Senate, District 3	Charles S. Dean, Sr. (REP)
Senate, District 6	Bill Montford (DEM)
House, District 7	Marti Coley (REP)
House, District 8	Alan B. Williams (DEM)
House, District 9	Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda (DEM)
<u>Second Judicial Circuit</u>	<u>(6-year term)</u>
<u>Circuit Judge</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
Group 1	George S. Reynolds
Group 2	Josefina M. Tamayo
Group 3	James O. Shelfer
Group 12	Terry P. Lewis

Up for merit retention

<u>Supreme Court Justices</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> District Court of Appeal</u>
Barbara J. Pariente	Simone Marstiller
R. Fred Lewis	Peter D. Webster
Peggy A. Quince	Bradford L. Thomas